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Lorna M. Douyon Primary Examiner Art Unit: 1751 Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: of the same reasons set forth in the final rejection. Applicants argue that Davies may disclose detergent compositions that are compacted to form tablets, but Davies never teaches, discloses or suggests spray-dried base particles having a localized structure as recited in instant claims 1-2, and Davies fails to mention any method at arriving at a base particle as recited in the present claims 1-2, having "a localized structure in which larger amounts of the water-soluble polymer and/or the water soluble salt are present near the surface of the base particles rather than in the inner portion thereof". Applicants also argue that the localized structure of the base particles results from the base particles being a spray-dried particle as discussed in the specification at page 29, line 9 to page 33, line 5, and this type of particle structure (i.e., having a localized structure) is entirely unlike and different from the particle structures of Davies.

The Examiner respectfully disagrees with the above arguments because in Example 1, Davies teaches a detergent tablet prepared from a base powder comprising surfactant, 40.0 wt% zeolite, 1.0 wt% sodium carbonate, 3.7 wt% sodium disilicate, 16.8 wt% sodium percarbonate and 4.3 wt% water, wherein the base powder was sprayed with 5 wt% polyethylene glycol before compaction (see page 7, line 11 to page 8, line 25). The spraying of polyethylene glycol onto the base powder meets the instant claims' limitation "base particle having a localized structure in which larger amounts of the water-soluble polymer.....is present near the surface of the base particle rather than in the inner portion thereof". Applicants argue that the localized structure of the base particles results from the base particles being a spray-dried particle as discussed in the specification and that this type of particle structure is entirely unlike and different from the particle structures of Davies, however, Applicants fail to provide any showing or criticality of their spray-dried particle as opposed to a base particle like those of Davies. The rejection based upon Davies is therefore proper and is maintained.